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MOSLEMS EXPRESS GRATITUDE -- Wen-hui Pao, 5 Sep 49

Northwest Front, 3 September (NCNA) -- On 31 August 1949, the Moslems in Lan-chou joined with other minority racial groups to celebrate the liberation of this important city in Kansu Province.

On this auspicious occasion, the Moslems sent the following telegram to Chairman Mao and General Chu Te:

"We thank the People's Liberation Army for liberating Lan-chou on 26 August. We have finally won freedom from oppressive reactionary rule. The entire population of Lan-chou is behind you in your fight against the KMT. We hope the day may not be long before the entire Northwest is liberated."

CELEBRATES LIBERATION OF LAN-CHOU -- Wen-hui Pao, 5 Sep 49

Northwest Front, 3 September (NCNA) -- On 31 August, more than 1,000 Moslems and Uighurs in Lan-chou celebrated the city's liberation. After preliminary ceremonies, speeches were made by various representatives.

The workers' representative, Ma Te-i (Ueda: 13680, 3172, 9177), and Prof Wu Hung-yeh (1207, 14446, 5152), of Lan-chou University, both remarked that the liberation has brought about freedom and racial equality. This definitely discredits KMT claims that the CCP plans to destroy the Moslem religion and to kill Moslem people. Professor Wu further stated that all able-bodied Moslems between the age of 15 to 50 should take arms and assist the People's Liberation Army in annihilating General Ma's bandit troops.

The Uighur representative, Ai Mai (9725, 12105), expressed similar views, saying that all the Uighurs desire the removal of KMT rule in Sinkiang because they have always discriminated against the minority groups.

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Deputy Chairman Han Lien-cheng (13249, 8938, 3610) of the Military Control Commission stated that the reactionaries (KMT) have always maneuvered to create dissension between the Moslems and the Chinese. He added that Hu Tsung-nan, Ma Hung-k'uei, and Ma Pu-fang should be overthrown as soon as possible.

Commissioner Sun Tso-pin (2282, 256, 6658), also of the Military Control Commission, advocated changing the place names Tsung-tang-min, Tso-kung-lu, and Ting-hsi-lu in Ian-chou because these names recall massacres of Moslem people by Gen Tso Tsung-t'ang. This proposal was unanimously approved by the representatives.

CH'ANG-SHA CELEBRATES LIBERATION -- Wen-hui Pao, 5 Sep 1949

Ch'ang-sha, 3 September (NCNA) -- On 30 August, a great celebration was held in Ch'ang-sha to mark the city's liberation and to aid the army at the front. A huge assembly was addressed by Ch'ang Ch'ien (Ueda: 8222, 6548), Hsiao Ching-Kuang (10128, 876, 567), Ch'en Ming-jen (12864, 4485, 170), and others. They expressed joy over what had been accomplished and pointing to the tasks ahead. Ch'en Ming-jen in particular voice repentance over past errors, and determination to fight in behalf of the people's interests. A torchlight procession then paraded through the city until after midnight. An estimated 500,000 persons took part in the celebration.

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